

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the Group I, consisting of claims 39-43, 66, and 67 with traverse. Currently, claims 39-67 are pending. The Office Action characterizes Group I as being drawn to a polymeric material comprising an infection resistant biguanide moiety.

Very respectfully, the restriction is traversed on the grounds that the claims and claims-groups have already been searched together. Restriction is only proper if there is an unreasonable search burden. Please consider reviewing the prosecution history: the relevant claim groups/limitations have already been searched together at least six times. This fact shows that it was, in fact, reasonable to do so. It is manifestly unfair to require Applicant to pursue at least two more applications to obtain what can be reasonably searched in the present application. Applicant preserves all rights to petition this matter.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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